production in the past, additional allocation of sugar was not possible to any State/UT. An adhoc increase of 5 per cent in the levy sugar allocation to States/UTs was made from August, 1991 till March, 1994. Central Government has decided to restore this adhoc increase with effect from September, 1995. Allocations of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) for the PDS have a historical basis. Increase in the annual allocations of SKO for the PDS to the State/UTs are being decided weith a view to bring all the States at par with the National average per capita allocation of SKO.

आर्थिक मामलों संबंधी मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति द्वारा चीनी के मूल्यों को कम करने का निर्णय

762. **श्री सोमपाल**: क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आर्थिक मामलों संबंधी मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति ने सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेचे जाने वाली चीनी के मूल्यों को कम करने का निर्णय लिया हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं और उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) उक्त योजना के अधीन कितनी चीनी उपलब्ध करायी जाएगी और इसके तुलनात्मक मूल्य क्या होंगे तथा यह चीनी किन-किन क्षेत्रों में उपलब्ध कराने का प्रस्ताव हैं;और

(घ) इस कारण राजकोष पर कितना अतिरिक्त भार पड़ेगा ?

नागरिक पूर्ति,उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता हैं।

Objections by Centres of EU Markets on Indian Imports

763. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain centres of European Community market have objected to the import of tea, textiles, carpets and other commodities because of pesticides and other contents etc;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and steps being taken to safeguard Indian export interests in the free trade global regime; and

(c) whether Government have devised any new hall-mark for the export of carpets and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There have been some moves in the European Union, especially in Germany, to this effect.

(b) The German Government had in 1994 enacted legislation banning the manufacture and import of products using certain dyes and chemicals. The implementation of the ban has been deferred upto the end of march, 1996. Steps have also been taken to restrict the presence of pesticide residues in tea within permissible limits.

(c) The Government has sponsored a move to introduce a label called 'Kaleen' as a hallmark of certification for carpets to be exported from India.

चीनी मिलों के लिए प्रस्ताव

764. **प्रो.राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा**: क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि उत्तर प्रदेश के फर्रूखाबाद जिले में चीनी मिल की स्थापना हेतु स्वीकृति दी जा चुकी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं;और

(ग) इस संबंध में कब तक कार्यवाही किये जाने की संभावना हैं ?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह): (क) जी,नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Demand to Enhance Allocation of Rice to Tamil Nadu

765. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice allotted to Tamil Nadu per month under PDS;

(b) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has made a demand for allotment of more rice proportionate to the population; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to meet its demand?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The present monthly allocation of rice to Tamil Nadu is 1.25 lakh metric tonnes.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. In the month of February, 1995 the Govt, of Tamil Nadu had requested for increase in allocation of rice from one lakh tonnes per month to 1.25 lakh tonnes per month due to slow progress in procurement of paddy. The Central Government has increased the monthly allocation of rice, on adhoc basis, to the State to 1.25 lakh tonnes per month from April, 1995.

US Pullout from Uruguay Round

766. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: WiH the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the Hindu of 4th July, 1995 that US Pullout from Uruguay round- hits India; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Negotiations on financial services and the movement of natural persons, scheduled to be completed by 30th June, 1995 finally concluded on 28th July, 1995. The US had taken the position that in the area of financial services it will be taking an MFN exemption. To deal with this situation a proposal was mooted by EU that all members agree to a fixed term arrangement under which members other than U.S. will extend MFN treatment in financial services. This proposal was generally endorsed by all members and as a result for a period valid upto 31.12.97 members have tabled their modified market access schedules in the financial services sector, with improvements in certain cases. In the case of some countries including India their offers contain certain limitations vis-a-vis the MFN principle. India has taken sufficient safeguards to deal with the situation arising out of the U.S. position. Offers on movement of natural persons have, however, been tabled by member countries including U.S. on MFN basis. India is likely to benefits from the agreement on movement of natural persons and its position is not likely to be adversely affected by the U.S. position on financial services.

Loopholes in PDS Network

767. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in The Statesman dated 20th July, 1995 under the caption "Loopholes in PDS network spell doom for tribals";